**Foreign collaboration proposals to use foreign brand names**

*178. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a large number of companies are coming forward with foreign collaboration proposals purely to use the foreign brand names; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that Indian brand names are developed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As a general policy, while approving foreign collaboration proposals, foreign trade marks are not ordinarily allowed for use on products for internal sales. A standard condition to this effect is incorporated in all foreign collaboration approval letters.

**Local Employees in ONGC**

*179. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has accepted the demands of Government of Assam relating to employment of local people in its operations;

(b) what are the other demands of the State Government and whether they have been accepted by the Central Government;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat have also submitted similar demands; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether representatives of Gujarat and Assam will be included in the special committee on exploration and research set up by the ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As per the recruitment and promotion regulations (1980), of ONGC recruitment of class III & IV categories of posts, maximum of pay scale of which does not exceed Rs. 1250/-, has been decentralised at regional level. All such posts are notified to the local employment exchange(s) and candidates sponsored are considered for recruitment.

(b) Some of the other major demands of the State Govt. and the action taken by the Central Govt. thereon:—

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| (i) Increase in the rate of royalty on crude oil production. | The Government of India has raised the roalty on crude oil from Rs. 61 pr MT to to Rs. 192 per MT with effect from 1-4-1984 after consultation with the State Governments. The Govt. of Assam have demanded royalty higher than Rs. 192 MT. The Government of Assam have stated that they would be sending a a comprehensive proposal in this regard. |
| (ii) Reduction of price of Gas . . . . | The Govt. of Asam have been demanding supply of gas at the rate of Rs. 100 per thousand cubic mtrs. for Assam State Electricity Board and at the rate of Rs. 250 per thousand cubic mtrs for other projects. As per the prices fixed by the Govt. w.e.f. 30-1-87, Gas is sold in North-Eastern States at Rs 1000 per thousand cubic mtrs. subject to a discount upto Rs. 500 per thousand cubic mtrs. for individual cases on merit. |